Dear Lexie,

In part two of our message A Fall from Grace, we took a look at the life of Jonah and how he, like many of us today, was willing to "drift off course" when it came to the issue of grace. Not in the sense that he wasn't willing to accept the fact that he needed God's grace in his life, but rather that he wasn't willing to find it in his heart to extend it to others. As a matter of fact Jonah's main reason for not wanting to go and share God's message of judgment with Nineveh in the first place, wasn't because he was fearful for his life, but because he was afraid that God would be gracious to them. In other words, Jonah was fearful that God would not give them the sentence that he felt they deserved (Jonah 4:1-3).

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thing called grace? Are we afraid that God will allow himself to be taken for granted? But isn't that part of what goes along with extending yourself to someone? Aren't you taking the chance that your efforts will be unappreciated or even abused?" And you're right. There is always the chance that when you extend yourself to others that you stand the risk of being unappreciated and in some cases, even hurt.

But I thank God that despite the risk, Christ was willing to put it all on the line for me. But, are we willing to do the same for others? Are we willing to give grace in the proportion that it is received? Remember, that "to whom much is given, much is demanded" (Luke 12:42). How much of God's grace have you received lately?

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